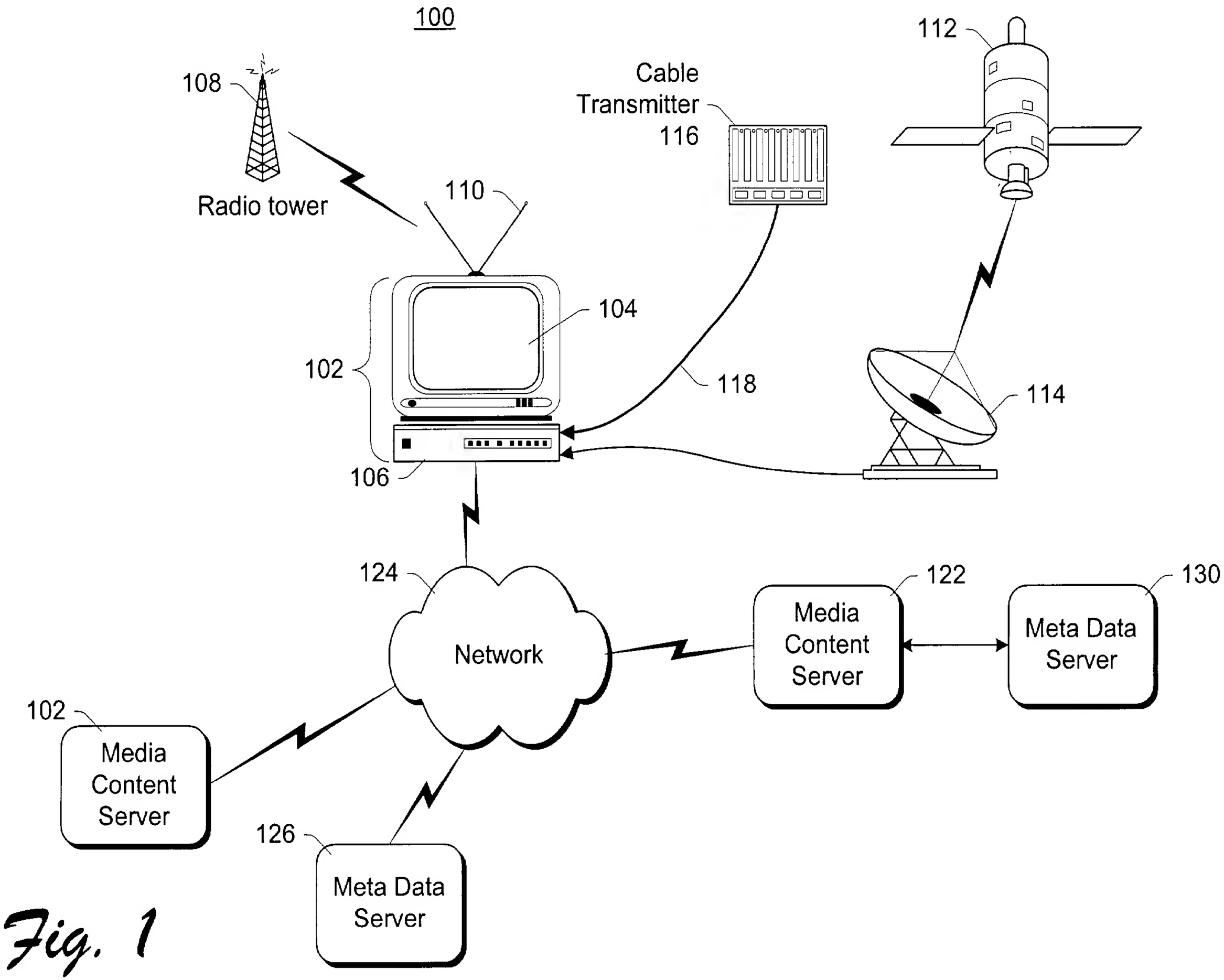
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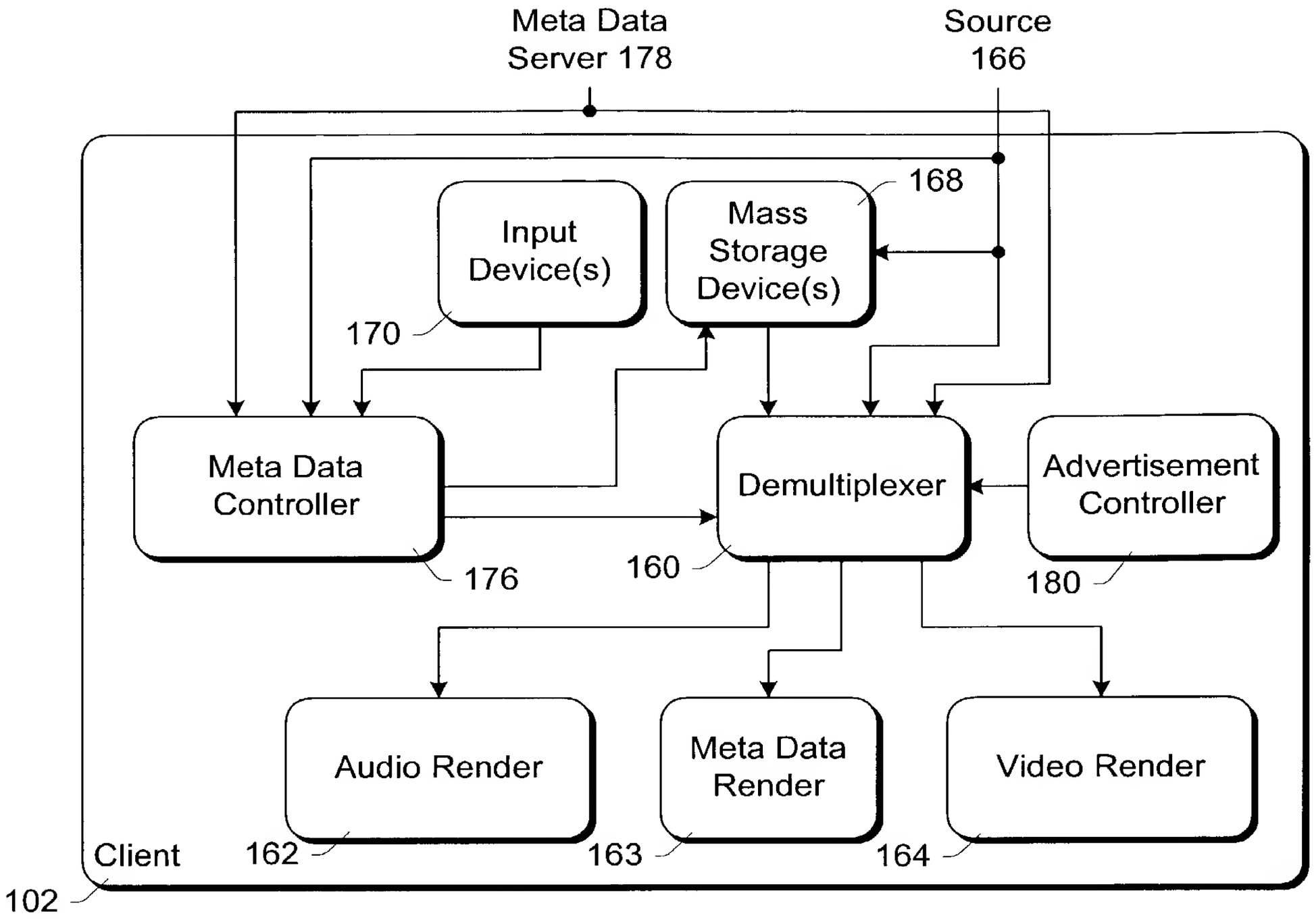
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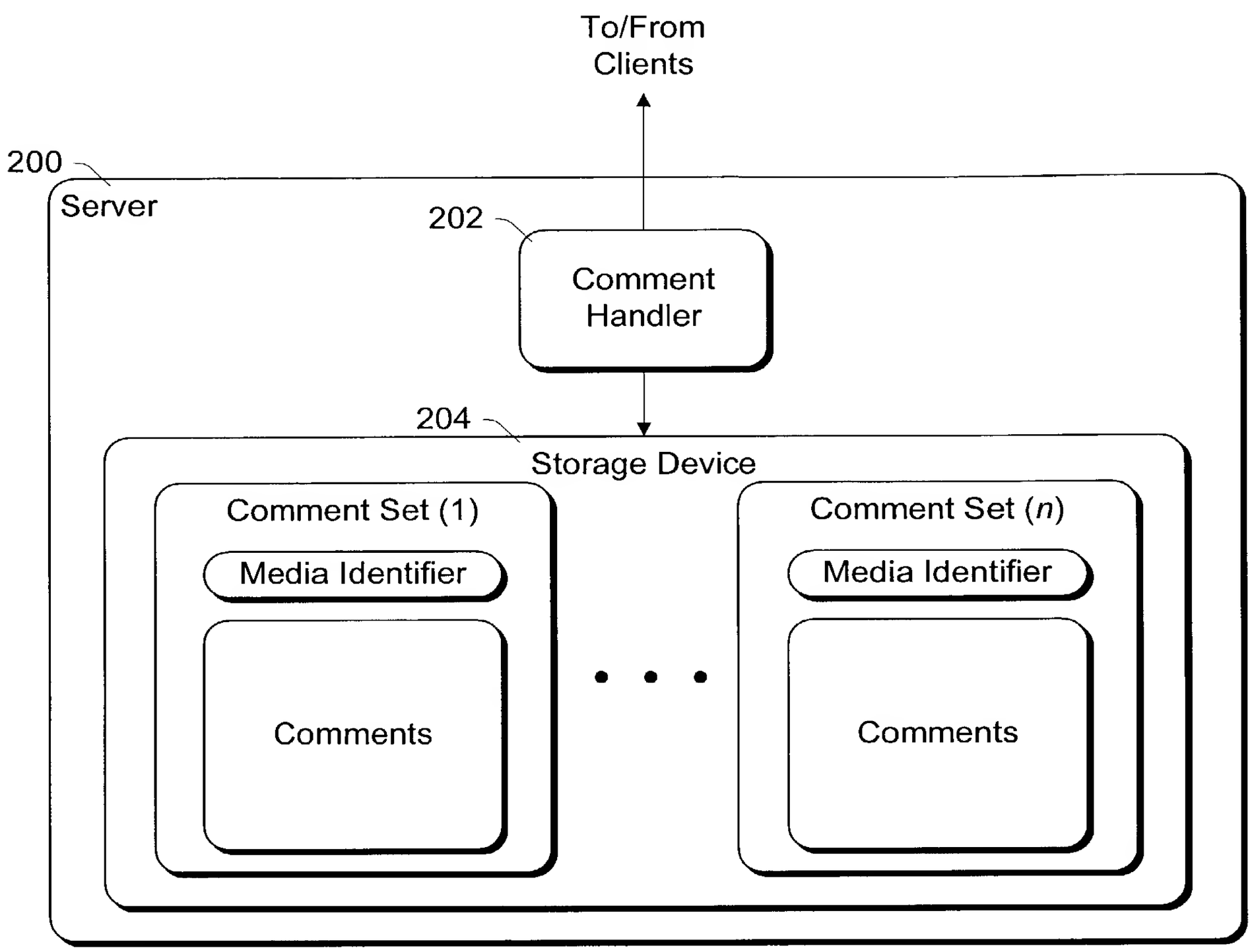
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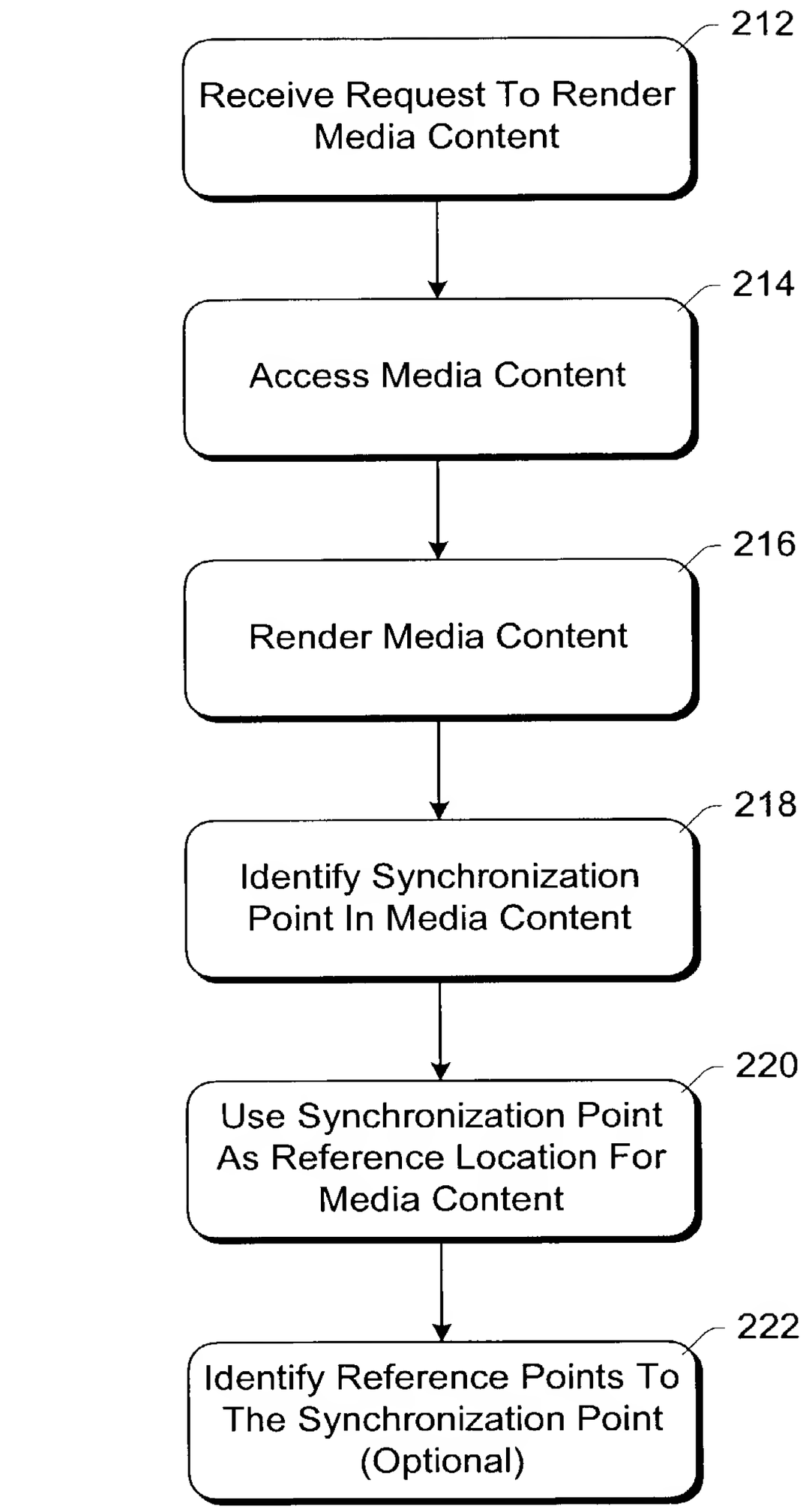
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Identify Synchronization Point In Media Content
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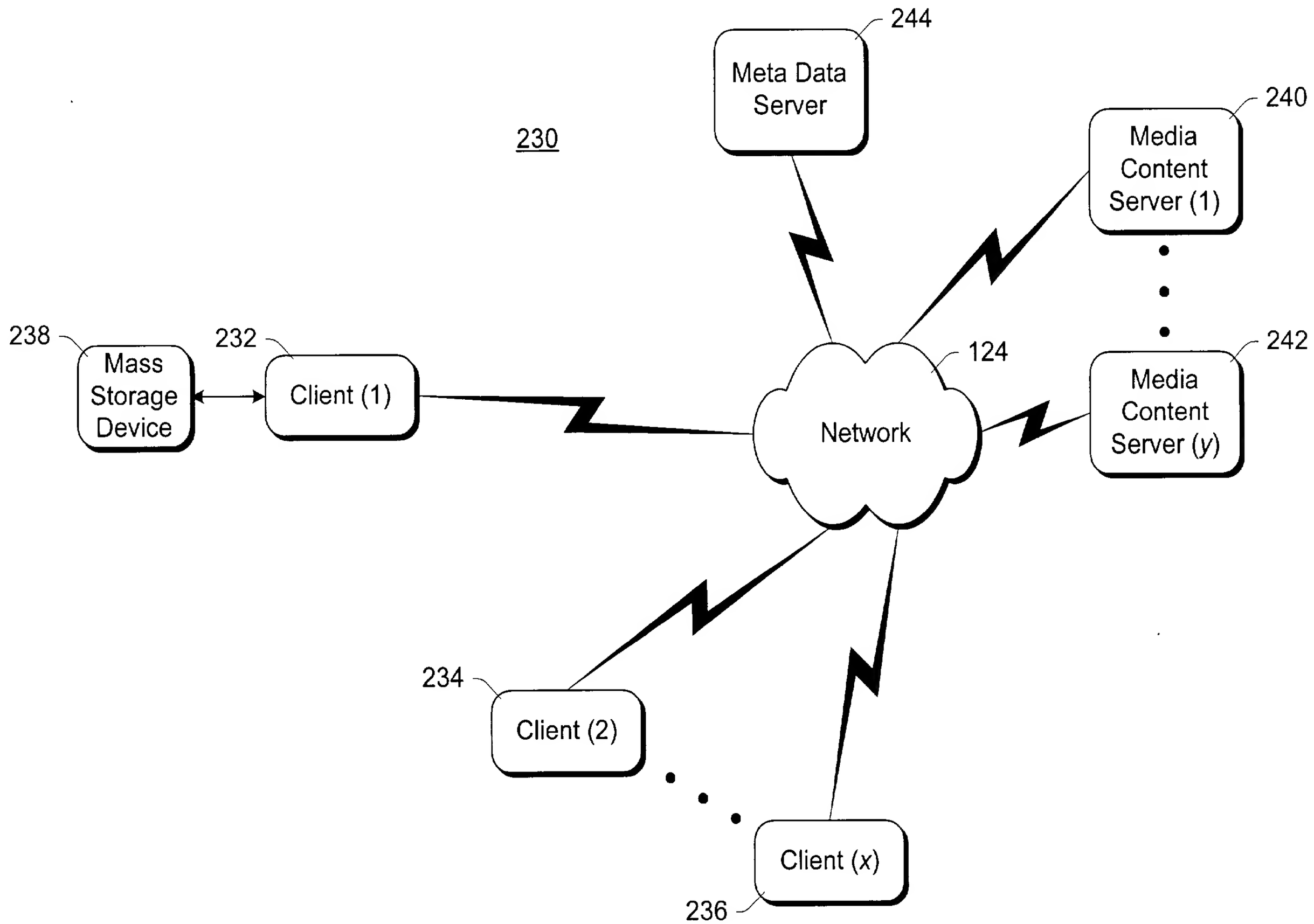
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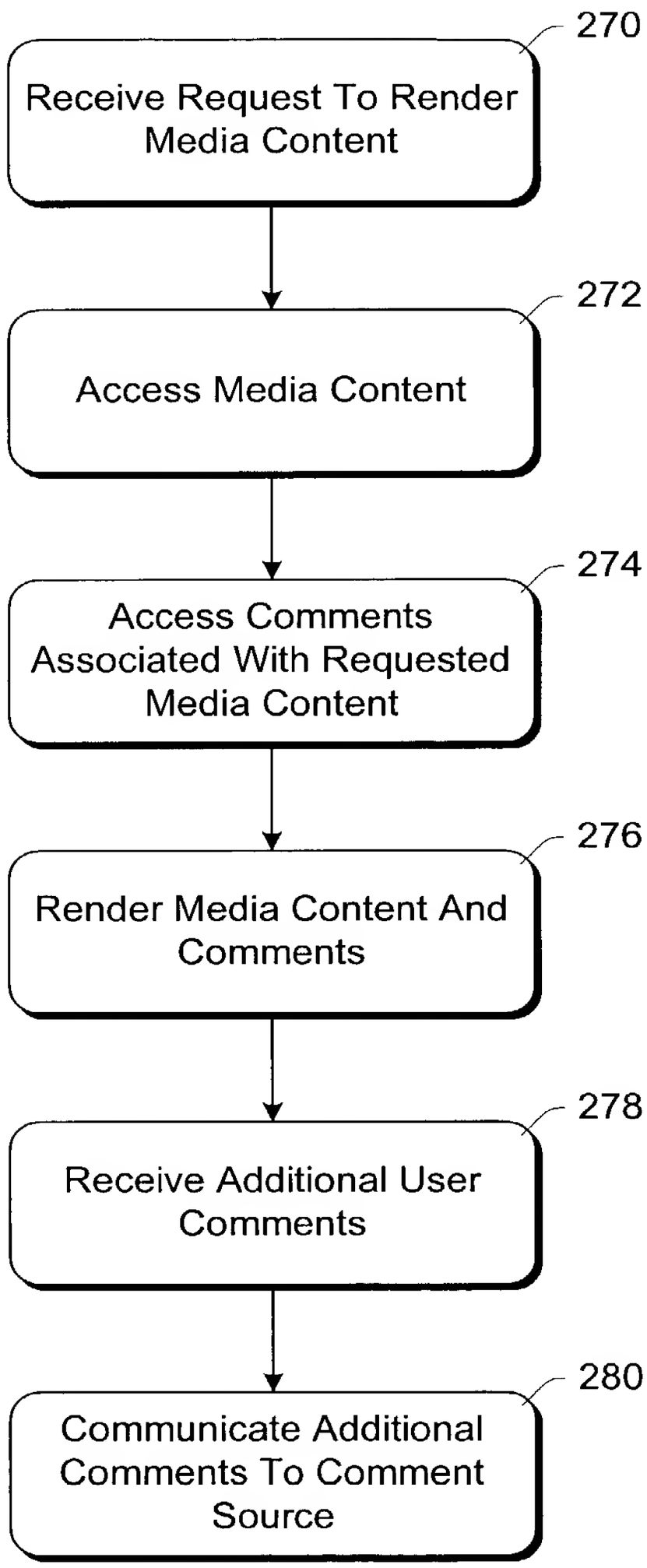
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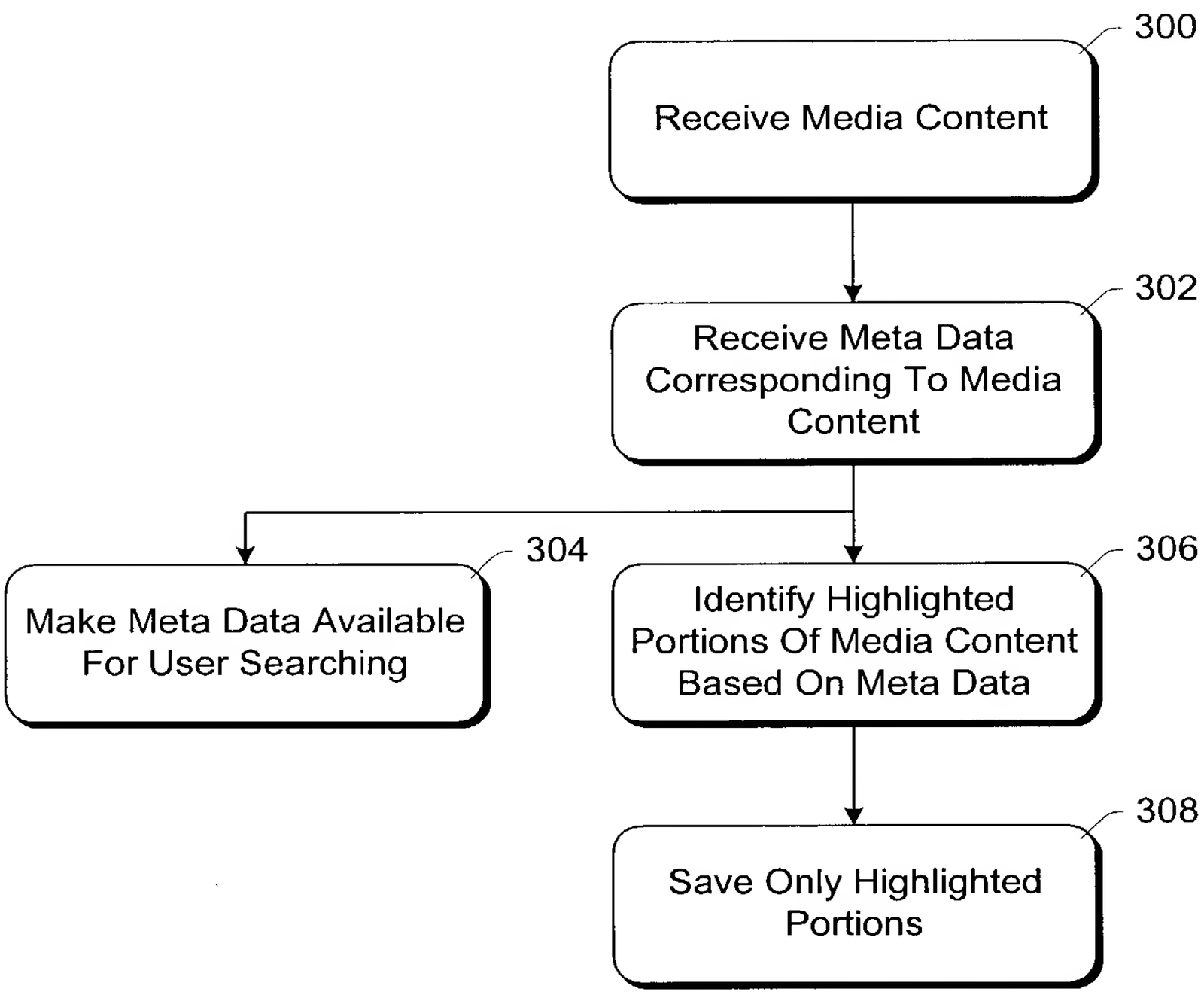
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Receive Media Content
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Receive Meta Data Corresponding To Media Content
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Make Meta Data Available For User Searching
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Identify Highlighted Portions Of Media Content Based On Meta Data
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Save Only Highlighted Portions

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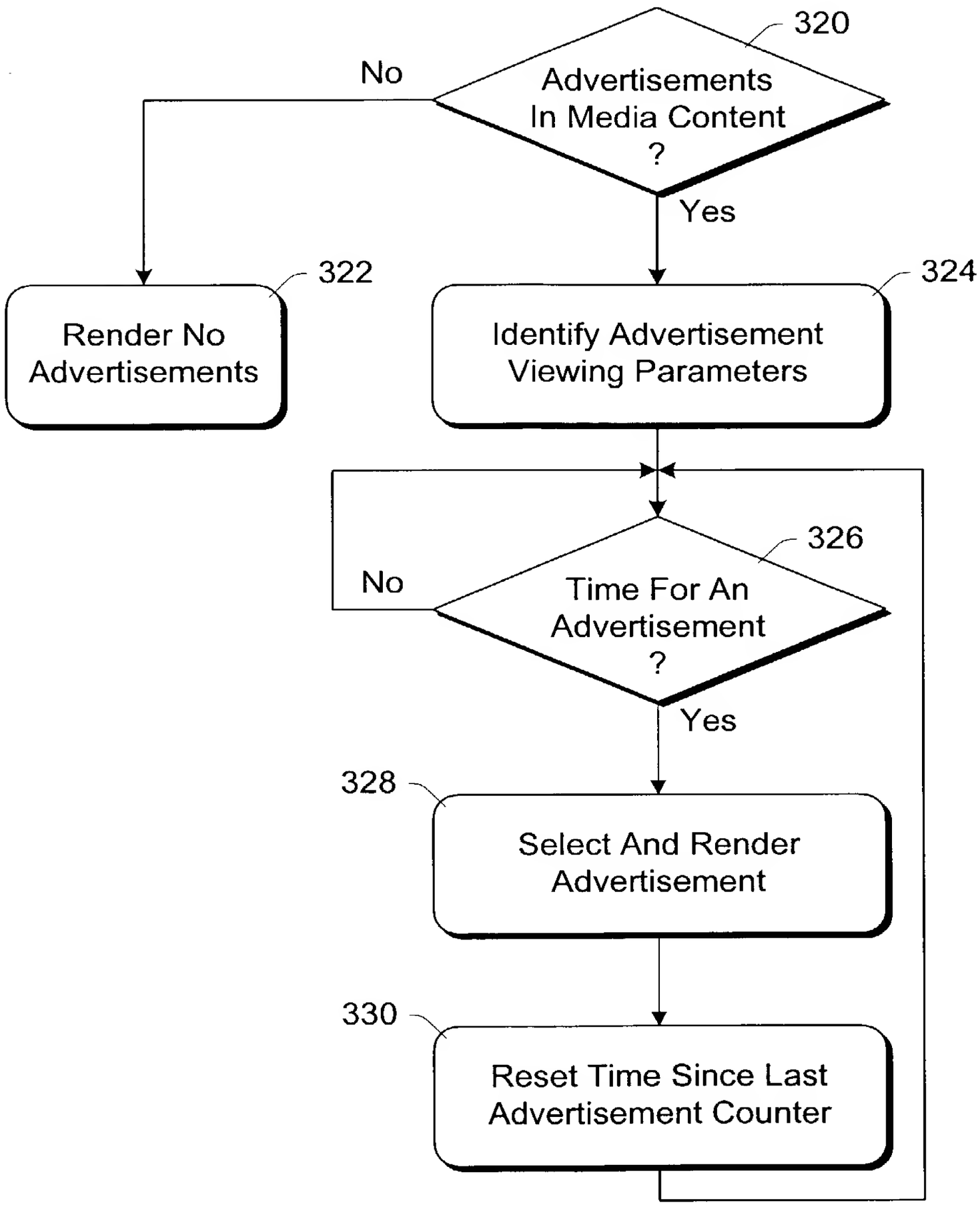
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Advertisements In Media Content ?
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Yes
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Render No Advertisements
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Identify Advertisement Viewing Parameters
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Time For An Advertisement ?
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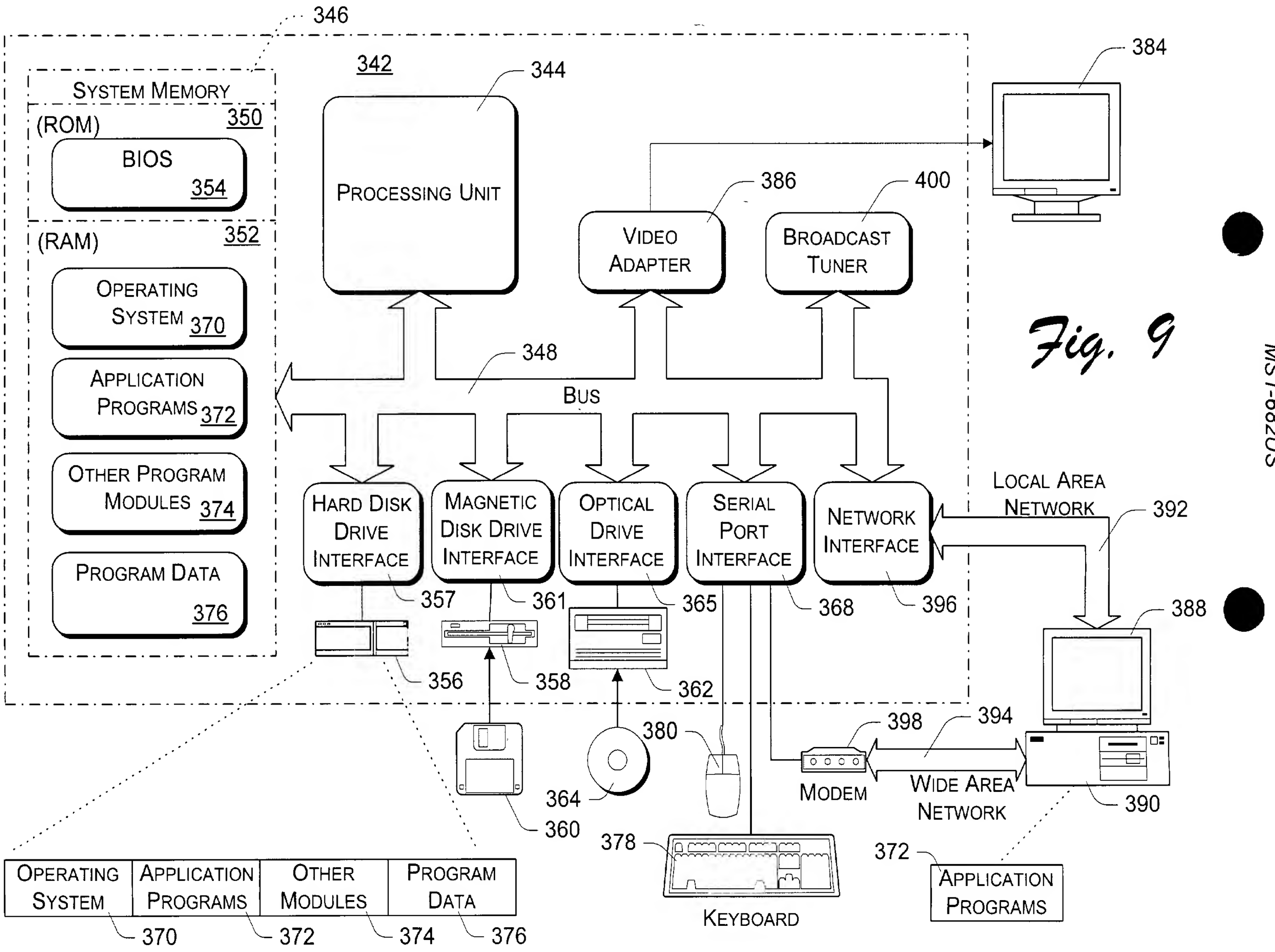
Reset Time Since Last Advertisement Counter

Fig. 8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